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REMARKS

The Office Action of March 17, 2008, and the references cited therein have been carefully considered. The indication that claims 8, 11, 12 and 17 contain allowable subject matter but are objected to since they depend from a rejected claim, has been noted with appreciation.

In this Amendment, the title has been amended as required by the Examiner, the specification has been amended to correct noted minor informalities and to provide section headings, and the claims have been amended to correct noted informalities and to place the application in condition for allowance. More specifically, each of claims 8, 11 and 17 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the claim or claims from which they previously depended; claims 1, 13, 15 and 16 have been cancelled; and the remaining rejected dependent claims have been amended so that they properly depend from one of the new independent claims.

In view of the amendment to the title, it is submitted that the objection thereto has been overcome and should be withdrawn. The objection to claims 1 and 13 has been noted. In view of the cancellation of these claims, it is submitted that this objection is no longer applicable.

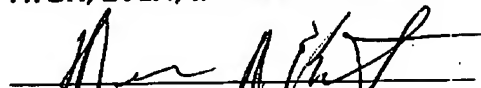
Since each of independent claims 8, 11 and 17 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter, and each of the dependent claims now properly depends from one of these independent claims, it is submitted that all of the pending are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the allowance of claims 2-12, 14 and 17 and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that prosecution of the present application would be advanced by a personal interview, he is invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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